THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the information given by the Department of Statistics, the National Accounts Statistics released by the CSO are complied in accordance with the methodology recommended in the System of National Accounts (SNA) of the United Nations. The GDP estimates of the country include the economic activities carried out by various institutional sectors, irrespective of whether they are organized or unorganized or produced by women or men, so long as the activities fall under the production boundary of the national accounts. These economic activities include goods produced for own account, consumption in respect of agriculture and allied activities.

National Sample Survey Organisation in 1998-99 conducted a Time Use Survey, which identified that most of the household work performed by women generally remain unaccounted for the purpose of female workers' contribution in the national development and GPD.

Uniform entrance examination for professional courses

704. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry would evolve a method for the selection of the candidates for admission to various professional courses through a single entrance examination or by facing common assessment procedure instead of separate entrance tests for each course;

(b) whether there is any proposal for suggesting a uniform selection procedure to be adopted by all the States for admission to professional courses; and

(c) what is the procedure adopted in selecting candidates for admission for the Central Government quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Central Government.

(c) There is no Central Government quota for admissions to professional courses.